

Message from the Mayor



Greetings Lebanon Township Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the state of our Township during this exciting year as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

I am pleased to report that Lebanon Township remains in a strong financial position, thanks to many years of careful planning and responsible fiscal management. Some of our accomplishments to date include:

- Maintaining excellent municipal services while exercising sound financial management. We continue to provide high-quality police, fire, public works, and administrative services while carefully managing taxpayer dollars.
- Strengthening our financial operations. We welcomed our Chief Financial Officer, Lorraine England, whose expertise has helped identify efficiencies and cost-saving opportunities while maintaining the high level of services our residents expect.
- Planning ahead for major capital purchases. The Township has budgeted in advance for the purchase of a new fire truck, allowing us to make this important investment without issuing debt. This is a significant achievement and is the result of successive administrations maintaining a strong commitment to conservative budgeting and financial stewardship.

This year's budget was particularly challenging because the Township had to absorb several new state-mandated expenses without receiving additional state aid to offset these costs. These mandates include:

- Police body-worn cameras and the required data storage.
- Additional crisis response training requirements for our Police Officers.
- New stormwater regulations requiring extensive mapping and documentation of waterways and stormwater infrastructure.
- Increased reserve requirements and other statutory budget obligations.
- Significant increases in employee health insurance costs, prompting the Township to explore alternative coverage options in the private market.

Despite these challenges and rising costs across all sectors, the Township adopted a budget that remained within New Jersey's municipal budget cap requirements. This reflects our continued commitment to balancing community needs with fiscal responsibility.

As costs continue to increase, we carefully evaluate every expenditure, distinguishing between essential needs and desirable additions, and continually seek opportunities to operate more efficiently and realize savings whenever possible.

Overall, I am pleased to report that Lebanon Township remains in very good shape. Your Township Committee works diligently every day to preserve the unique character of our community and ensure that Lebanon Township continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, and thrive.

On behalf of the Township Committee, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,

Jay Wojcik
Mayor, Lebanon Township

REMINDER:

Township Code §325-53 prohibits, without the prior authorization from the Township, any person from placing on any municipal street or road, or on the shoulder of a street or road, or within the limit of the right-of-way of any street or road accepted or maintained by the Township, any snow, ice, mud, dirt stones, rocks, gravel, or other materials, such that it impedes the safe and unobstructed use of any vehicle passage on such street or road. Failure to comply may subject the violator to fines and penalties pursuant to Township Code §325-56. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Officer Jeff Gordon at 908-638-8523x107 or zoning@lebtwp.net

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